

TO: Boards of Assessors

FROM: Joseph J. Chessey, Jr., Deputy Commissioner

DATE: April 1999

SUBJECT: Appraisal Programs for Assessors

The Division of Local Services will be offering the following four training programs for assessors:

- Appraisal Course: Telecommunications in a Changing and Deregulated Environment

The objectives of this one-day program are for those who attend to be able to identify telecommunications property, to understand the basis for valuing various telecommunications property, as well as to be able to prepare and analyze appropriate information requests from owners of such property. The course content will include: a survey of different types of telecommunication – one-way (such as cable) and duplex or two-way (e.g. wireless) and their future overlapping; the components of the physical plants (including towers and satellites); the considerations and approaches in valuation; and industry trends. This course will be offered in three locations to make the training available to assessors throughout Massachusetts.

- Appraisal Course: Electric Generation, Transmission and Distribution in a Changing and Deregulated Environment

A repeat presentation of the course offered last year. Those who attended found it informative and beneficial. Course content includes an overview of all phases of electric production, a survey of various types of generation facilities, the three approaches to valuation, the role of the assessor in negotiating tax agreements and future industry trends. Because attendance is limited, assessors in communities with existing or potential electric generating plants will be given preference. Participants must be able to attend all four days. The MAAO has awarded this course 24 classroom re-certification credit hours.

The dates, locations (including road directions) and registration page are attached.

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

(Zip Code) _____

PHONE NUMBER: () _____ (Ext.) _____

TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPRAISAL COURSE: (Check one)

MAY 4, 1999	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	GARDNER CITY HALL - Auditorium 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA	_____
MAY 6, 1999	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	LEE AMBULANCE GARAGE Main Street, Lee, MA	_____
MAY 19, 1999	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	ABINGTON TOWN HALL 500 Gliniewicz Way, Abington, MA	_____

ELECTRIC GENERATION, TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION COURSE:

JUNE 14, 15, 16, & 17	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	CITY OF BOSTON ASSESSING DEPT (The Old South Building) 294 Washington Street, Room 534 Boston, MA	_____
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Please mail your completed registration form to:

Barbara LaVertue
Training Coordinator
Division of Local Services
P O Box 9490
Boston, MA 02205-9490

OR

FAX (617) 626-2330

TO GARDNER CITY HALL: East and West on Route 2 take Exit 22 for downtown Gardner. Follow signs for City Hall.
There is a municipal parking lot next to City Hall.

TO LEE AMBULANCE GARAGE: Take the MASS PIKE to Exit 2 in Lee. The garage is on Main Street off Exit 2.

TO ABINGTON TOWN HALL:

TO BOSTON ASSESSING OFFICE: The building is the Old South Building across from the Old South Meeting House at the intersection of Washington Street and School Street. The closest MBTA stations are Government Center on the Blue and Green Lines and Downtown Crossing on the Red and Orange Lines. It is a 15 to 20 minute walk from North and South Stations. Parking is available in the Government Center Parking Garage.